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SUBJ: CND - AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN FE

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED INFORMALLY ADVANCE TEXT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE'S

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REPORT TO CND, HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH NOTED BELOW. FULL TEXT OF

REPORT HAS BEEN POUCHED ADDRESSEES.

2. COMMITTEE'S GENERAL ASSESSMENT IS THAT PROBLEM WHICH AFFECTS LARGEST NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IS REGION IS THAT CREATED BY TRAFFICKING OF OPIUM AND OPIATES FROM GOLDEN TRIANGLE. WHILE NOTING ITS BELIEF THAT INDIA, NEPAL AND SRI LANKA ARE AT PRESENT UNAFFECTED BY THIS TRAFFIC, COMMITTEE OBSERVES THAT THERE IS SOME ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN OPIUM WITHIN SUBCONTINENT AND INTO IT FROM ME. NOTES THAT CANNABIS ILLICIT TRAFFICKING/USE IS WIDESPREAD AND THAT COUNTRIES OF REGION ARE CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL DANGER OF ABUSE OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

3. COMMITTEE STATES IT IS IMPRESSED BY WAY IN WHICH ALL COUNTRIES UPON WHICH IT HAS BEEN ABLE TO REPORT ARE MEETING DRUG ABUSE CHALLENGE. IN EACH COUNTRY THERE IS AWARENESS OF PROBLEM AND WILL TO TACKLE IT IN ORDERLY AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER, AND MOST COUNTRIES HAVE CENTRALIZED AND OPERATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT WHICH FOCUSES ON ENFORCING NARCOTICS LAWS AND DETECTING MAJOR TRAFFICKERS.

4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO SUPPRESSION OF TRAFFICKING IN OPIUM. STATES THERE IS NEED FOR FURTHER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO DEVELOP LAW ENFORCEMENT POTENTIAL, WITH MAIN AREAS OF ATTENTION DIRECTED TO COORDINATION OF DOMESTIC LAW ENFORCEMENT INCLUDING CENTRALIZATION OF INTELLIGENCE, REVIEW OF LEGISLATION, PROVISION OF TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, AND PROMOTION OF BILATERAL COOPERATION. EXPRESSES VIEW THAT FORMAL REGIONAL ORGANIZATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES AND NOTES THAT NO COUNTRY HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR CND SUBCOMMISSION. CONCLUDES THAT THERE SHOULD BE REGULAR MEETINGS UNDER UN AUSPICES OF OPERATIONAL HEADS OF NATIONAL NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OF COUNTRIES OF REGION AFFECTED BY TRAFFIC FROM GOLDEN TRIANGLE.

5. COMMITTEE NOTES THAT IN LIGHT OF EVIDENCE IT RECEIVED FROM MEMBER OF COUNTRIES OF TRAFFICKING IN CANNABIS FROM NEPAL. IT REGRETS IT WAS UNABLE TO MEET WITH NEPALESE AUTHORITIES TO DISCUSS PROBLEM. SYG IS INVITED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ASSIST GON IN ITS EFFORTS TO STEM TRAFFIC.

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6. COMMITTEE EXPRESSES VIEW THAT IN LINE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS CLOSER BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVTS OF INDIA AND SRI LANKA TO DEAL WITH TRAFFICKING BETWEEN THESE COUNTRIES IS DESIRABLE.

7. COUNTRIES ARE ENJOINED TO CONTINUE IMPROVE COORDINATION OF NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT, IN PARTICULAR BY CENTRALIZING ALL INTELLIGENCE RECORDS AND ENCOURAGING INTER-DEPARTMENTAL LIAISON

AND BY PLACING CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON TRAINING. COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO ARE ALSO ENJOINED GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO ADEQUACY THEIR NARCOTICS LEGISLATION. COMMITTEE SUGGESTS THAT APPLICATIONS FROM COUNTRIES IN REGION FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFECTIVENESS SHOULD BE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED.

8. SYG IS INVITED TO REPORT TO CND ON REGULAR MEETINGS OF OPERATIONAL HEADS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND ALSO TO REPORT TO CND PERIODICALLY AND NOT LESS OFTEN THAN BIENNIALY ON ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN SITUATION IN REGION. BASSIN

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